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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 3/4

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

I. Total Survey

1.) Personnel Situation

(1) The lack of workers at the River Fleet Commissariat is once again confirmed by the fact that the calling up of personnel exempt from the draft was postponed until further, in part until 1 November 1943.

2.) Transport

(2) The transport situation in the Transcaucasian Oil Oblast<sup>1</sup> appears to be extraordinarily serious. For the smooth development of transportation, a special authority was set up at this place.

(3) According to a message 22 oil trains are standing in the Groznyj Nevinnomyskaya section. These trains can not be transported further.

(4) In one case the State Defense Committee protested to the Railway Directorate because the latter was not in a position to make railroad cars available for workers who were to be sent to Zarepta for reconstruction work.

Civil Air Fleet

(5) According to a message of 2 April, the Chief Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet is located in Vnukovo. Also located there are the first Transport Flight Division and other flight groups. Additional formations of the Civil Air Fleet have been identified recently.

3.) Reconstruction in the Re-  
conquered Oblasti

(6) From Kambarka Oblast<sup>1</sup> on the Kama (87 kilometers southeast of Izhevsk), where several plants and a larger building terrain are located, workers and employees are to be sent to Stalingrad without their families.

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II. Individual Items

1.) Personnel Situation

River Fleet Commissariat

(7) Employees of the offices in Ust Ussa and Kujbyshev are exempt from the draft until 1 November 1943.

(8) The office in Tobolsk received 120 technical school graduates for practical training as ship captains, technicians, shipbuilders and radio technicians. The office in Kujbyshev was assigned 210 technical school graduates for the Lower Volga Steamship Agency.

(9) Kujbyshev and Omsk are to report on the calling up of the population for reconstruction of the river fleet and for shipping work. From Omsk Oblast' 610 persons of the rural population were already drawn into the program for loading ships.

(10) The Directorate of the Water Transport Base in Chardzhou has a labor force of 25 persons.

2.) Transport

(11) 18 motor boats are being built for Plant "Molotov" in Gorkij. These are to be delivered in April.

(12) The Armenian Canning Trust could not ship 110 tons of candied fruit for Stavropol because of the lack of railroad cars.

(13) In the Groznyj-Nevinnomyskaya section 22 oil trains are idle. A special authority was set up in the Transcaucasus to improve railroad traffic.

(14) The four heated baggage cars required by the Lower Volga Steamship Agency in Saratov are not being made available for transporting 86 men to Zarepta for reconstruction work. The State Defense Committee is complaining about this to the Railway Directorate.

(15) For April 50 railroad cars are scheduled for the River Fleet Commissariat in Irkutsk for transporting timber to Chardzhou.

Civil Air Fleet

(16) According to a message of 2 April, the Chief Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet is apparently located in Vnukovo. Also located there are the 1st Transport Flight Division and 2 flight groups.

(17) The following formations of the Civil Air Fleet were identified and confirmed:

2nd Flight Regiment	presumably in Kazan	
4th Flight Regiment	in Khvojnaya (67 kilometers	
	northeast of Borovichi)	Commander Grizenko
9th Flight Regiment	with parts in Tiflis and	
	Krasnodar	
Flight Regiment Oprishko	(location unknown)	
Flight Group Chankotadze	presumably in Vnukovo	
Flight group Zejmchan	presumably in Irkutsk	
Flight group Yakutsk	(location unknown)	
Flight group Raskasov	(location unknown)	
Flight group Azerbajdzhan	(location unknown)	
A technical brigade	in Tashkent	

(18) An aviation repair work shop is located in Sverdlovsk.

(19) In a message of 30 March, the Dzhidinsker Flight Line was mentioned (Dzhida = tributary of the Zelenga at Irkutsk). Planes type PS-7 and JU-52 fly this route.

(20) Courses for the Civil Air Fleet are being given in Khabarovsk. Training squadrons are also located there.

(21) The offices of the Civil Air Fleet in Aktyubinsk collected 72,7000 rubles for the state defense fund.

(22) Buildings for the Civil Air Fleet are being put up in Baku.

(23) The Chief of Flight Harbor Kazan is Mikhailov.

3.) Food Situation

(24) The People's Commissariat for Grain Procurement in Tiflis made 776 carloads of grain available for May.

(25) Voroshilovsk is to receive 110 tons of candied fruit from Armenia.

4.) Clothing - Transcaucasus

(26) In 1943 the clothing supply office in Tiflis can deliver 2,000 fur jackets to Kutais. For this purpose 11,000 meters of rep are needed.

(27) The Textile Industry in Erivan received 1 carload of sewing cotton from Tashkent.

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(28) The Ferrous Metal Sales in Novosibirsk received from Baku 1207 half furs, 65,000 ear caps and 598 vests.

(29) Plant "3rd International" in Mahachkala received fleeced cotton material worth 429,000 rubles.

(30) As of 26 March the Textile Industry in Leninakan manufactured 2,262 meters of fleeced cotton material.

(31) The following large deliveries are to be carried out:

To Sheksna Steamship Agency	from ship repair yards	Saratov-39 meters of camel hair belts
To Enisej Steamship Agency	from the River Fleet Supply	Saratov-33 meters of camel hair belts
To the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	from Ulan Ude	3 tons of wool

(32) 300 pair of shoes with wooden soles are to be delivered to the River Fleet Commissariat in Irkutsk and 100 pair each to the Lena Steamship Agency and the Baikal-Zelenga Steamship Agency.

5.) Timber Supply

(33) The office of the People's Commissariat for the River Fleet in Kujbyshev is to transport 500 cubic meters of timber from Kryushin Bay (south of Ulyanovsk).

(34) For April the office in Novosibirsk received 400 cubic meters of sawn timber for processing (as opposed to an amount of 500 cubic meters in March).

6.) Metals

(35) From 1 to 15 April the following larger sheet deliveries were carried out:

To Plant "Karl Marx", Gorkij	from the Chief Directorate for Metal Sales in Gorkij	600 kilograms of section iron
To Plant "Kujbyshev", Gorkij	from the Chief Directorate for Metal Sales in Gorkij	1400 kilograms of section iron
To Kujbyshev	from Magnitogorsk	1 carload of iron (March delivery)
To Plant "Hammer and Sickle", Astrakhan	from Krasnovodsk	16 tons of steel hawser

(36) In the first quarter the River Fleet Commissariat in Khabarovsk is to deliver 10 tons of scrap iron and 250 kilograms of non-ferrous metal scrap according to plan.



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7.) Machine Industry

(37) A plant in Barnaul and a plant in Tomsk were each to receive one locomobile of 175 hp.

(38) A locomobile of 75 hp is to be delivered to the Kama Steamship Agency, the Belaya Steamship Agency and the Moscow-Oka Steamship Agency.

8.) Plants

(39) Plant #628 which manufactures "MB" equipment is located in Ufa.

(40) Workshops of the Ural Steamship Agency are to be erected in Gurev.

9.) Reconstruction

(41) The Steamship Agency Building Bureau in Kambarka is to send workers and employees without their families to Stalingrad for reconstruction work.

(42) From Saratov 86 men are to be sent to Zarepta for reconstruction work.

10.) Miscellaneous

(43) In April the following deliveries are to be carried out:

To Balkhash for Ili Steamship Agency	52 radio tubes
from Ust Ussa	1 ton of varnish
To Gorkij for Don Kuban Steamship Agency	
from Ust Ussa	8 tons of varnish
To Svenigovo	
from Ust Ussa	1 tank car of varnish
To Novosibirsk	
from the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	2500 incandescent bulbs
To Krasnoyarsk	
from the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	2 tons of varnish
To Ulan Ude	
from the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	60 kilograms electrodes
To Khabarovsk	
from the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	4 tons of varnish

(44) Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis requires 5 tons of vegetable oil for the completion of an armaments order.

(45) Kirovakan urgently requires 5 tons of carbide in order to complete armaments orders.

(46) By the end of March Factory "Kirovakan" was to ship one carload of calcium carbide to the Bureau of Ferrous Metal Supply in Sverdlovsk.